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1. In Kargowa (Unruhstadt-053/W51) and vicinity, meetings are constantly being organized for the purpose of persuading smallholders to join agricultural co-operatives. The peasants are resisting this pressure. In order to break down the peasants' resistance, the authorities have doubled the taxes imposed on them and simultaneously increased the quotas for agricultural produce which have to be surrendered to the state.

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2. [REDACTED] the peasants will not last more than another year, but will be forced to join the agricultural co-operatives.
3. It is rumored that independent farmers who are now undergoing compulsory military training in the artillery unit at Sulechow (Zuelligach-053/W41) were approached with the suggestion that if they agreed to join agricultural co-operatives, they would be released from army service.

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